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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/PLANS

(Attention: BQM/OIS)

SUBJECT : O/DD/P Contribution to NIE 11-4-54

REFERENCE: Terms of reference for NIE 11-4-54, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Soviet Courses of Action through Mid-1956"

1. Draft T/R for NIE 11-4-54 have been forwarded under separate cover. T/R as finally adopted by the IAC representatives will also be sent to you as usual; we will be very glad to get contributions from you on any of the questions raised therein.

2. Attached are supplementary questions on which this Office would like a DD/P contribution. Anything you can furnish us on these questions will be much appreciated. Our tentative deadline for contributions will be about 1 April.

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**QUESTIONS FOR DD/P**

(Supplementary to NIE 11-4-54)

Soviet Estimate of Western Intentions

1. How extensive and how accurate is the Soviet Union's knowledge regarding Western capabilities and intentions?
2. How does the Soviet Intelligence Service provide general estimates to the policy makers?
3. How does the Soviet Intelligence Service collect intelligence information? How skillful in evaluation?

Soviet Control over Components of the Bloc

4. What are the principles and techniques of Soviet control of the European Satellites?
5. To what extent does the Soviet Union exercise control over China?

MVD

6. Has there been any relaxation of controls over the population generally? How efficient is MVD in detecting intelligence operations mounted against USSR?
7. What is the nature, extent, and location of resistance activity in the USSR and the effectiveness of the MVD in locating and suppressing resistance?
8. Has the standing of the MVD suffered in any way since Stalin? Relatively to that of the Armed Forces?

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Western Information

9. To what extent is the Soviet population being reached by Western information media?

10. On the basis of your experience and special sources what light can you throw upon Soviet propaganda techniques and modes of operation?

Popular Morale

11. Has there been any significant change in the morale of the Soviet population since Stalin's death?

12. Number of Soviet defectors past three years? To what extent do defectors represent a cross-section of Soviet society? What are the principal motivations for their defection? Motivations of those willing to take up active struggle against Soviet Union? What have been the major trends in Soviet defections since the end of the war? Has there been any marked increase or decrease since Stalin's death?

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